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Remarks

Claims

The claims have not been amended, and are presented herein with left and right justification.

Section 102 Rejections

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as anticipated by Campbell et al. (US 6,150,297). Applicant traverses, as Campbell does not disclose the features of Applicant's invention.

In particular, Campbell discloses at col. 6, lines 33-40, as part of a "ligand metal complex" (structure "ID" at col. 5), a feature wherein "L is a neutral, conjugated or nonconjugated diene, optionally substituted with one or more hydrocarbyl groups". Applicant contends that this does not disclose "a particulated, solid support material having chemically bonded thereto a conjugated or non-conjugated diene or alkyne containing ligand group". In Campbell, the diene is bound as a ligand to the metal center of a catalyst compound, whereas in the present invention a diene is bound to a support material. Applicant cannot find in Campbell such a disclosure to the presently claimed invention.

The Applicant thus requests that this rejection be withdrawn, and that the Claims 9 and 10 be entered and allowed.

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It is submitted that the case is in condition for allowance. The Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any other issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

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